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MEDIA RELEASE

Incident Number: 16-0003247

Information Contact: Tony Hill / Battalion Chief

Incident Type: Ocean Rescue / Fishing Vessel Aground Date/Time of Incident: January 10, 2016 / 10:18 PM

Incident Location: Surf line in front of Woodstock Lane, Ventura

Cause: Under Investigation

Injuries: None

Number of Personnel: 18

Fire Equipment: 3 Engines, 1 Support, 2 Ocean Rescue units, 2 Command

Agencies Involved: Ventura City Fire, Ventura County Fire, Ventura Harbor Patrol, State Parks, Fish and Wildlife, Coast Guard

On the above date and time the Ventura City Fire Department was dispatched to a report of a large commercial fishing vessel aground in the surf. Upon arrival Ventura City Ocean Rescue personnel discovered 3 adult fishermen still on board. With waves crashing into the vessel and washing over the decks rescuers were able to safely remove all people from the vessel and bring them to the beach. None of the people on board the boat were injured.

California State Parks, California Fish and Wildlife and the U.S. Coast Guard were notified of the incident and responded to the scene. Several hundred gallons of diesel fuel were reported to still be on board the boat. Salvage operations will begin as conditions allow.

The cause of the accident remains under investigation. No rescuers were injured as a result of this incident.

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